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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: GATT, ETRD, RO

SUBJECT: GATT WP ON ROMANIAN CUSTOMS TARIFF

REF: STATE 38692

1. SUBJECT MEETING HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR 11 MARCH.
2. WE QUERIED EC (KAWAN) ABOUT REASONS FOR POSTPONEMENT OF FEBRUARY 25 MEETING BUT RECEIVED EVASIVE RESPONSE. ROMANIAN MISSION SAID POSTPONEMENT CAME ABOUT BECAUSE OF "COINCIDENCE OF CONVENIENCE", IN THAT BOTH ROMANIA AND EC WERE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN LOBBYING THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS WITH EACH OTHER AND WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS; NEITHER SEEMED HAVE ACCOMPLISHED HIS OBJECTIVE. ALSO, CHAIRMAN OF WP (COLLIANDER) HAD DEATH IN FAMILY AND FOUND IT CONVENIENT TO POSTPONE. ROMANIANS NEVER SAID WHO ACTUALLY SUGGESTED POSTPONEMENT BUT DID HINT FURTHER LOBBYING EFFORT FROM BUCHAREST MAY BE COMING OUR WAY.

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3. DEPT MAY WISH BE AWARE OF FEBRUARY 21, 1975
ISSUE OF "EASTERN EUROPE REPORT" PUBLISHED BY BUSINESS
INTERNATIONAL, WHICH INCLUDES FOLLOWING PASSAGE:

"THE ROMANIAN LEADER (CEAUSESCU) CRITICIZED THE
INDUSTRIAL CENTRALS FOR SLUGGISH EXPORTS AND EXCESSIVE
IMPORTS AND REAFFIRMED THE COORDINATING ROLE OF THE
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE. IT WAS IMPLIED THAT THE
CENTRALS AND THEIR SUBORDINATE ENTERPRISES WOULD BE
HELD INCREASINGLY ACCOUNTABLE TO THE FOREIGN TRADE
MINISTRY TO KEEP IMPORTS WITHIN PLAN GOALS..."

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